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1. Francisco Gabarain, a Spanish citizen, member of the Communist Party of Spain (CPS) in Argentina, and an administrative employee of the CPS organ Espana Independiente, was arrested on 1 December by four Buenos Aires plain-clothes policemen and taken to the Orden Gremial section of the central police department. [REDACTED] comment. The Orden Gremial section is headed by a Comisario Gola, one of the most important police officials investigating Communist activities in Argentina. His assistant is Comisario Americo J. Insaurralde, also very well-informed on Communist activities in the country. This section receives postal intercepts every day from local post offices each of which is supplied with a list of people, including aliases and names of members of their families, in whom the police department is interested. Some sixty percent of the names on the list are said to be Communist leaders. The Orden Gremial section also has a large library of Communist literature.)
 2. After a preliminary interrogation by the Orden Gremial section about Espana Independiente, Gabarain was placed under the custody of two members of the Seccion Especial of the Federal Police and taken to their headquarters. There he was badly beaten and subjected to the "picana electrica", or "electric stinger". He was again interrogated with regard to Espana Independiente and asked repeatedly to name the source of the organ's funds, its real leaders, and the connection these leaders had with the Communist Party of Argentina (CPA). Refusing to answer these questions, Gabarain was beaten day and night and finally put into solitary confinement. He was released on 11 December. During his period of imprisonment, Gabarain was denied permission to communicate with his family and friends. Efforts of his family to locate him were in vain.
 3. Gabarain, according to source, is afraid to leave his home and has warned friends not to communicate with him since he believes himself to be under constant police surveillance. He is frightened especially by the police threat to send him and his family to Spain if he mentions his treatment at the Seccion Especial.

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B-4 L. [REDACTED] during Gabarain's confinement the Spanish
Embassy in Buenos Aires expected to be called upon by the Argentine
Government to assist in Gabarain's deportation to Spain. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the Argentines are
increasing their persecution of foreign Communists and, in some cases,
rather than deport those arrested, are arranging for their "elimination"
(presumably by murder).

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